GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1375
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001
KUDREMUKH IRON ORE COMPANY
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement period of the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) in Karnataka has expired;

(b) if so, the reasons for continuing with the mining works by the company in the State;

(c) whether several protests have been made against the continuation of the mining; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): The original mining lease of KIOCL has expired on 24th July, 1999. The company is continuing its mining operations as it has been given two short term work permits of one year each by the State Government of Karnataka in July, 1999 & July, 2000. Thereafter, the company was given three months` extension of their work permit w.e.f. 25th July, 2001 and thereafter, another one year work permit w.e.f. 25th October, 2001 by the State Government of Karnataka.

(c)&(d): Some NGOs have been protesting against continuation of mining by KIOCL in the Western Ghats. A Writ Petition was filed in the Supreme Court in this regard. The matter is sub-judice.